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Discussing Reciprocity.

The members of the New York Board of Trade engaged in manufactures will meet on Thursday to discuss the question of commercial reciprocity. The purpose expressed in the call is:

"For a liberal comparison of views on the subject, to formulate some expression of the sentiment of the meeting, and, if deemed desirable, to select and recommend to the board ten delegates to the national reciprocity convention which will be held in Washington, D. C., on November 19. "The undersigned are aware that different views of the value of commercial reciprocity are held among manufacturers, and

have not ourselves compared opinions.
"The meeting, therefore, is called abso lutely without prejudice or blas, and those attending will shape conclusions." This is the spirit which should animate

the national convention of manufacturers to be held here. The question of reciprocity is in large degree an open one. That is to say, while nearly everybody admits that reciprocal arrangements with foreign countries are necessary for the extension of American trade, there is a variety of opinion as to the terms upon which they should be made. The map therefore who comes forward with the whole matter solved, labeled, and ready to be handed out to all who apply for wisdom is not the most useful man in the emergency, and, it might prove, not the best friend of reciprocity. The man entitled to more attention is the one who, even with a plan of his own to submit, is yet anxious to hear from others on the subject and willing to make concessions in the general interest.

We hear a good deal about the President's position. On the one hand he is represented as aggressively in favor of reciprocity and likely to make that subject the feature of his message to Congress. And in doing so, it is contended, he will but be following the line that Mr. McKinley had laid down for himself. On the other hand it is represented that he is certain not to mention the subject in his regular message to Congress, and that it is a tess-up whether he addresses that body on the subject at any time during the coming session. The gossips on both sides are having their fling. What is positively known is that the President is discussing the subject in all of its phases with well-informed men in Congress and out, and manifesting a keen desire for the fullest information obtainable. In this he is setting a good example for everybody, and adding to the importance and to the value of his views when they shall appear.

The number of those who declare for reciprocity, and then go on to show that on anything like an extensive scale it is wholly impracticable, is not large. Their attitude is like that of the famous old lady who gave her daughter permission to go out to swim, but warned her against going near the practicable, and if it can be applied by any people it surely can be by those who have a good deal to sell as well as to buy. Let us have a full, free discussion at the coming Washington meeting by those who really desire to see the ends of reciprocity

Dead Leaves.

The correspondent who in last evening's Star complained of the burning of dead leaves in the streets in such manner as to injure the trees has performed a public service which should be immediately recognized by some form of official action. The accumulations of leaves in the gutters of the city have been a great annoyance to the householders, affording a temptation to the small boys, who have reveled in unlawful fires for three or four weeks. The smell of the burning leaves has been most disagreeable, and, as the writer of the letter points out, some of the shade trees have been damaged by the flames and heat. The trees are now quite dry and suffer quickly from such a cause. The city's beauty lies largely in its shade trees, which are entitled to the greatest of private and official care at all seasons. The street cleaning department may be unable under its present plan of work to cope with the leaves at this season, but if so some other arrangements should be at once made to relieve the streets of the debris and to remove the opportunity to make bonfires from the reach of the small boys. The street-burning method of refuse disposal is by no means suited to the national capital.

It is said that it costs J. Plerpont Morgan \$200 a day to run his table. Mr. Morgan will be getting his picture into a dyspepsla-cure advertisement if he is not

Mineral development in this country is progressing in a manner which may cause a rush of miners from Alaska to this narr of the continent.

Richard Croker will soon be through looking after his American investments and public to fill the barrel with coin. in a position to return home.

Southern Appointments.

appointed to an office in the south by the President was an ardent silver advocate a few years ago, and that his record on the lynching question is none of the best. The suggestion is made therefore that the ap-

Presumably the President did not decide to go outside of his own party in the south in making appointments to office whenever he might consider it advisable without a fair knowledge of the southern situation of former days as well as of the present day. For years all the democrats of the south seemed to be for silver. At any rate the men they sent to Congress voted for free colnage at every opportunity. It was not until 1896 that the question assumed so serious a phase that a division took place among southern democrats. When academic discussion and ineffective voting in Congress finally led up to Mr. Bryan and the Chicago platform, then many southern men who for a long time had been shouting for silver changed front and declared for the gold standard. Brought face to face with the proposliten to commit the government to the policy of free silver under a President elected for that purpose, they rejected it. Since then they have

been known as gold democrats. The lynching question has ceased to be sectional question. The evil has spread until there are but a few states without notches on their sticks. Republican governors and democratic governors alike seem unable to administer the laws against lynching. Some of the oldest towns on the map are as deeply stained with the evil as the roughest of the frontier settlements. Certain it is that although the crime is denounced and deplored by both press and pulpit, and judges on the bench charge the grand juries on the subject up to the hilt, either no indictments are found or no has occurred in the country since lynching was attacked, and echoes of the attack From the New York World.

measure excuses the crime, but it shows how far public sentiment generally has gone astray on what is a blot upon the

cointments is probably hunting for neither saints nor delegates. He must take men as he finds them, and as the home environment has shaped them. He has a right to demand that they meet the requirements of this day, whatever they may have beena few years ago. Where politics for a quarter of a century has been a mere prejudice, and public discussion practically denied, it is a good deal for a man to want such a condition of affairs ended, and to be willing to help end it.

The New Bridge.

Secretary Root's letter to President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company opens the way for a modification of the bridge plans formally approved by the former a short time ago. As The Star recently pointed out, this question of the bridge has been materially modified since the enactment of the statute authorizing the construction by two important facts: first, the elaboration by the Senate's parking commission of comprehensive plans for the improvement of the public reservations of the District, including the very land which the approaches to this bridge will cross; second, the decision of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to conform its terminal plans to this park improvement scheme by consolidating its station with that of the Baltimore and Ohio, now controlled by it, so as to free the mall of all railroad constructions.

The Secretary puts the case to Mr. Cassatt on the broad ground of public policy. pointing out that the bridge will form one of the principal avenues of approach to the national capital, and therefore will remain for all time conspicuously one of the features of the city. He appeals to the public spiritedness of the corporation, so lately put strongly in evidence in the matter of the terminal plan, to effect a change in this item of the great railroad improvements about to be undertaken. It is of course, impossible for the government, under the statutes as they stand, to coerce the railroad company to expend a large sum in the construction of an elaborate bridge. If the requirements of the improved Washington of the future are to be ignored in favor of a purely practical structure the railroad company has the case within its own grasp. If the union station scheme, now understood to be a certainty, is executed, additional legislation will be required to amend the acts of last spring. In the amending of those acts it will be but a simple step, all the parties assenting, to provide for a harmonious treatment of the changes in all departments insuring not only an appropriate park treatment, but bridge constructions in keeping with the costly structures and landscape effects now contemplated by the

The fact that the Pennsylvania Railroad lompany has let contracts for certain features of the bridge construction need not militate against an affirmative response to Secretary Root's appeal. The matter has assuredly not gone beyond easy recall. Contracts are susceptible to amendment equally with statutes, and in any case the substantial foundation work now bargained for, according to the news reports, may be utilized for whatever form of bridge may be finally planned.

The situation calls, indeed, for radical treatment in all directions, and it is to be believed that so public-spirited, progressive and wealthy a corporation as the Pennsylvania railroad will see its way clear to water. If reciprocity is a good thing it is such a change of its immediate plans that it will produce eventually a terminal system, station building, approaches, vladucts and bridges, of a uniformly high grade in keeping with the character of the city and the immediate surroundings. The opportunity for a stroke of public enterprise which shall redound forever to the high credit of this company is now at hand.

Minister Wu is sorry to leave this country, but will be glad to get back to China. Even if he has the misfortune to fall under royal disfavor, he can win fame and fortune at home by lecturing on the electric railway, the two-step and other marvels of

Each December witnesses less apprehension about the assemblage of congressmen. This is due to the march of science. Any congressman who is liable to blow out the gas can be assigned to a room with electric lights in it.

Sir Thomas Lipton says he will remain a bachelor until he lifts the cup. If any young woman has any new ideas about yacht-building, it is her duty to bring them immediately to his attention.

Mr. John Chanler insists that a man ought not to be adjudged insanse because he insists on devoting his money to metaphysics instead of buying automobiles with it

Since he has had a court wardrobe to maintain, King Edward must be sometimes in doubt whether to call in a tailor or a

The defeated candidate can comfort himself with the reflection that some very excellent men have been beaten in New York

Henry Watterson will be able to convince the democracy that Mr. Bryan is not the only rhetorician in the field.

Mrs. Taylor, who went over Niagara Falls in a barrel, now expects the American

The Beam in Our Own Eve.

The reason given for the recall of Mr. Wu-his popularity in America-causes a smile. It looks like punishing a man for doing his duty and achieving success. Why was he sent here? The Chinese have every right to consider this mission a difficult We close our gates again them. and make a difference between them and Europeans, and yet continue through diplomatic channels friendly business relations with them. It is necessary therefore that their representative at this capital should be a man of address. Mr. Wu has filled this bill. He has indeed, by his address, made for himself a place apart in the official circle in which he moves. His popularity is as unusual as it is pronounced. But it has not grown out of a neglect of China's interests, or of any coolness on his part toward his countrymen. On the contrary, in all of his public deliverancesand they have been not a few-he has championed China and her people in a view of breezy comparison well calculated to make his American auditors pinch themselves to ascertain whether or not they could be awake. And the reward of his government for all this is a recall.

Still, before censuring John Chinaman severely for this, it might be well for us to consider a case of our own. For years the English mission has been our most important foreign billet. And yet we have made it the most difficult for any capable man to fill. Snobbery has been charged upon every American representative to the court of St. James. Mr. Lowell, the most finished and catholic of our men of letters, was so accused. Mr. Phelps, who succeeded him, soon came under the same han The great name of Lincoln could not altogether shield the dignified gentleman who followed in the place. Mr. Bayard drew down on his head some deserved censure trymen, but before that he had been lectured for his popularity in England. Mr. convictions follow on the ones that are Hay, whose literary accomplishments re-

land that at bottom he is something of a cad and toady. The discovery was made on this side, and cabled across to him free of charge.

PROAD ALTHOU F. BURNE

This touch of nature-not very creditable nature-makes the Chinaman and a certain kind of American pretty close kin. Chinaman says: "The American doesn't like my people, but he likes Wu Ting-fang. Wu therefore cannot be a good Chinaman. Off with his official head!" The American in question says: "We don't like titles of nobility or the flummery of fluences. Such men can't be right. They

a throne, and yet these men we send to England, republicans and democrats alike, seem to fall immediately under those inare snobs at heart, and I'll so post them before the world." Great heads are those that reason in this way, whether found in China or in the United States.

With election coming on Tuesday, the four remaining days of the week should be all that a defeated candidate is ever allowed in which to do his explaining.

The sultan might increase his depleted revenues by claiming royalties on a large percentage of the thanksgiving jokes.

Now that an attempt has been made to assassinate her, the Empress Dowager of China feels quite civilized.

Pat Crowe has delayed his surrender until he can get some visiting cards printed and do the thing in style.

New York has had a memorable dose of campaign poetry as a foretaste of retribu-

The Boers do not care how much time the English generals devote to explaining. SHOOTING STARS.

A Suspicion. "You know George Washington said h

could not tell an untruth." "Nonsense," answered the practical politician; "that was probably a campaign slander, invented to make his party managers think he was a hard man to handle."

"The banana peel joke seems to have gone entirely out of vogue," remarked the casual observer. "That," replied the city official, who never

misses a trick, "is entirely due to the efficiency of the street cleaning department." An Election Day Complaint.

> Us citizens ain't equal. As dese hvuh votes will show. I only gits one dollar. An' de white man he gits fo'.

A Pecuniary Fatigue. "Don't forget," said the willing worker,

"that money talks." "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum, a little glumly, "but I can't help wishing that you boys would select another phonograph occasionally."

A Gentle Protest. "Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "did you bet on the same candidate that you voted for?"

"Of course." "Well," was the melancholy rejoinder, "1 wish you were a little more superstitious.

"Then you would realize, Charley, dear, that when you vote for one candidate it is a sure sign you ought to bet on the other."

Now some of us are victors

And some are out of luck: Some are conquering heroes And some devoid of pluck. Some of us are losers And some of us have won. But we cannot tell the difference Till we get the voting done.

So let's be all good-natured Till the finish of the day. And not become indignant If a foeman says "hooray." You've labored true and faithful To help your party run; Now you may as well be friendly Till you get the voting done.

The National McKinley Memorial. From Public Opinion.

Remembering the fate of similar projects in the past, every one who wishes to con- . win your favor an' future patronage. tribute to either or both of the most important memorials to President McKinley should do so at once. The Canton memorial will commend itself to many, but there are good reasons why Washington should con-tain a worthy monument to the late chief executive. It is proposed to erect such a monument in the form of an arch at the Washington end of the memorial bridge which is to connect the capital city with Arlington—a plan earnestly commended to Congress by Mr. McKinley as "a monument to American patriotism." The William McKinley National Memorial Arch Association of which See Memorial Arch Association of the See Memorial A tion, of which Secretary Gage is treasurer, asks subscriptions for this project, and it should receive immediate and hearty re-It will speak poorly for the sincerity of our regard and regret for Presi-dent McKinley if the plans for the Washington and Canton memorials are allowed to drag for years for want of financial sup-

Freer Reciprocal Trade.

From the London Chronicle According to Mr. Kasson it is America's turn now to sing a recessional to be de-livered from the consequences of "frantic boast and foolish word." Elated by their national expansion, the United States have indulged in too much national bragging, various European countries into retaliator duties. This emergency, Mr. Kasson holds. can only be met by treaty, and America is now at the parting of the ways between a war of tariffs with all that it invoives, and a policy of reciprocity. Mr. McKinley's last speech before his assassination, it will be remembered, pointed in this latter direc tion; and it seems possible that the Americans, having safe-guarded the struggling youth of their industries by protective duties, may now be turning their thoughts to the wider markets offered by reciprocal treaties, if not by actual free trade.

Value of Street Franchises

From the Philadelphia Times An illustration that throws a side light upon street franchises comes from Balti-more. In the early days of the street rail-ways it was provided that a percentage of the gross income should go to the support of public parks. For some time there has been an effort to get the park accounts into print and in the Baltimore papers of yesterday sources. terday several columns were given of the figures. It was shown that the income of the park department last year was \$296,-594.73 and of this total \$285.410.38 came from the 9 per cent tax upon the gross earnings of the street railway companies. In other words, these companies supported the whole park system of the city and at the same time made money while giving their patrons free transfers.

A Fire Danger. From the New York Herald.

Now that the plaintive wail of the flat Now that the plaintive wall of the flat dweller is heard asking for heat, janitors should be careful that chimney flues are clean before starting fires, else they may have to call in the fire department to put

Heartless. From the Nashville American.

The fall race riots in Mississippi are yielding the ordinary number of cadavers.

The Message. From the Birmingham Age-Herald. It is said President Roosevelt's message will be as pointed as it will be brief-a re-form much needed.

became fashionable. This of course in no have been heard ever since his transfer to It looks like a chilly day for the iceman.

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